

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) Yes. The foreign exchange earnings in 1961-62 as compared to 1960-61 fell by 25 per cent.

(b) No.

(c) The decline in foreign exchange earnings is mainly due to competition from synthetics and low priced lac from Thailand. Steps have been taken to stabilise export prices, intensify research and improve the quantity and quality of production.

झिलमिला तिहाड़, दिल्ली में रेलवे बुकिंग एजेंसी

६७४. { श्री राम सेवक यादव :
श्री ब० ना० मंडल :

क्या रेलवे मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या झिलमिला तिहाड़, दिल्ली में १९६० में कोई बुकिंग एजेंसी खोली गई थी तथा क्या इस की बुलाई की दर प्रति ४० किलोग्राम के लिए १० नये पैसे थी;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि सब्जी मंडी, दिल्ली में बुकिंग एजेंसी को १९५४ में स्थापित होने के समय से ही प्रति मन २५ नये पैसे दर थी, जो १९६२ तक बनी रही;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि सब्जी मंडी बुकिंग एजेंसी ने इस दर में कोई कमी नहीं की जब कि १९६० में स्थापित पड़ोसी झिलमिला तिहाड़ स्टेशन की बुकिंग एजेंसी में माल कम दर पर बुक किया गया; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने सब्जी मंडी की बुकिंग एजेंसी के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की ?

रेलवे मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री से० ब० रामस्वामी) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) सब्जी मंडी सिटी बुकिंग एजेंसी १-१२-१९५३ को खोली गयी और एजेंसी

प्रभार प्रति मन या उसके किसी भाग के लिए ४ आने नियत किया गया । १-४-६० से मीटरिक प्रणाली लागू होने पर प्रभार की दर संशोधित करके ४० किलोग्राम या उसके किसी भाग के लिए २७ नये पैसे की गयी और अब भी प्रभार की यही दर लागू है ।

(ग) झिलमिला-तिहाड़ पुर आउट एजेंसी के खुल जाने के बाद सिटी बुकिंग एजेंट द्वारा अपनी दर में किसी प्रकार की कमी करने का सवाल नहीं उठता क्योंकि दोनों करारों और दोनों एजेंसियों के संचालन की शर्तों का एक दूसरे से कोई सम्बन्ध नहीं था ।

(घ) भाग (ग) में दिये गये उत्तर को देखते हुए सब्जी मंडी के सिटी बुकिंग एजेंट के विरुद्ध कोई कार्रवाई करने का सवाल नहीं उठता ।

Railway Accidents Enquiry Committee

975. { Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Bishanchander Seth:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Hem Raj:
Shri P. Kunhan:
Shri Mantri:
Shri Ram Ratan Gupta:
Shri Rameshwar Tanti:

Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Accidents Inquiry Committee headed by Pandit Hridaynath Kunzru has submitted its report;

(b) if so, its main findings and recommendations; and

(c) whether it will be laid on the Table?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan): (a) Railway Accidents Committee have submitted Part I of their Report.

(b) and (c). A copy of Part I of the Report has already been laid on the Table of the House.

Departmental Examination for Clerks and Postmen

976. Shri S. N. Chaturvedi: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Departmental Examination for filling up posts of clerks and postmen was conducted by the Postal Department on 11th December, 1962, in U.P. Circle; and

(b) if so, whether Government have received complaints that information thereof was not sent to Branch Offices in the rural area and a large number of employees could not thus appear in the examination?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) A departmental examination for promotion of lower grade officials to clerical cadres in subordinate offices in this Department was held on 16th December, 1962 in U.P. Circle.

(b) A complaint has been received by the Postmaster-General, U.P. Circle, from Agra and the matter is being investigated.

Farms on India Tibet Frontier

977. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme or plan has been, or is being formulated with a view to setting up farms on the India-Tibet frontier where farmers will perform the dual function of land cultivation and border defence; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Dr. Ram Subhag Singh): (a) and (b). No such scheme has been formulated so far. However, the question of undertaking a survey at few places to ascertain if

any suitable areas can be found is under consideration.

Fire Abroad Indian Cargo Ships

978. Shri Bishanchander Seth: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a fire broke out about the middle of December, 1962 on the Indian Cargo Ship;

(b) if so, whether any reasons were found for the same; and

(c) the total estimate of damage caused?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) Yes. A minor fire broke out in the No. 1 Upper Tween Deck of s.s. 'Indian Triumph' on 16th December, 1962 when the vessel was in the King Georges Docks, Calcutta.

(b) and (c). Preliminary enquiry is now being conducted by the Senior Assistant Conservator, Calcutta Port Commissioners, Calcutta. Requisite information will be laid on the table of the Sabha in due course.

Removal of P. & T. Equipment by Chinese Invaders from NEFA

979. Shri P. C. Borooah: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chinese invaders had removed all the Posts and Telegraphs equipments and appliances from the NEFA area occupied by them before they vacated it;

(b) if so, how far the same have been re-installed; and

(c) at what cost?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Bhagavati): (a) Some sections of lines and some other communication equipments costing approximately Rs. 2 lakhs have been removed by the Chinese invaders from the NEFA area.